



DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

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We verily believe ourselves to be the original, first and joint inventors of the improvement in "Vinyl Addition Polycyclic Olefin Polymers Using Non-Olefinic Chain Transfer Agents" described and claimed in United States Patent Application No. 10/782,547, filed February 19, 2004.

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims.

That this application claims the benefit of earlier filed United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/448,939, filed February 21, 2003.

That, as to the subject matter of this application which is common to said provisional patent application, we do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known

or used in the United States before our invention thereof; or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention thereof or more than one year prior to said provisional patent application; or in public use or on sale in the United States more than one year prior to said provisional patent application.

That said common subject matter has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate before the date of said provisional patent application in any country foreign to the United States on an application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to said provisional patent application.

That the first filed application for patent or inventor's certificate on said invention set forth in said provisional patent application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States is: NONE.

As to the subject matter of this application which is not common to said provisional patent application, we do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States before our invention thereof; or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention or more than one year prior to the date of this application; or in public use or on sale in the United States more than one year prior to the date of this application.

That said subject matter of this application which is not common to said provisional patent application has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate in any country foreign to the United States on an application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to the date of this application.

That the first filed application for patent or inventor's certificate on said invention first set forth in this application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States is: NONE.

We acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, '1.56(a) including matters as occurred between the filing date of our said provisional patent application and the filing date of this application.

We declare further that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

We hereby appoint Bernard Berman, Registration No. 37,279, whose post-office address is c/o Promerus, LLC, 9921 Brecksville Road, Bldg. R, Brecksville, OH 44113, Telephone Number 216-447-6272; and William H. Logsdon, Registration No. 22,132; Russell D. Orkin, Registration No. 25,363; David C. Hanson, Registration No. 23,024; Frederick B. Ziesenheim, Registration No. 19,438; Richard L. Byrne, Registration No. 28,498; Kent E. Baldauf, Registration No. 25,826; Barbara E. Johnson, Registration No. 31,198; Paul M.

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We hereby subscribe our names to the foregoing specification and claims,
Declaration and Power of Attorney.

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